

Promoting an accessible society that allows and expects full participation by people with disabilities

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Senator Patrick J. Leahy U.S. Congress Washington, DC

Dear Senator Leahy:

RAMP is a non-residential Center for Independent Living whose mission is to promote an accessible society that allows and expects full participation by persons with disabilities. One of our services is to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities.

As an organization and the thousands of people with disabilities we represent we want you to know that we STRONGLY OPPOSE the re-appointment of Jeffery Sutton to the Federal Court System.

Marco Bristo of Access Living in Chicago said it best "Mr. Sutton has dedicated his career to curtailing the civil rights of people with disabilities and racial minorities. His well-documented record indicates that, if confirmed, Mr. Sutton would seek to eviscerate Congress' authority to protect civil rights and individual liberties, without regard to existing law or the history of discrimination against people with disabilities, racial minorities, and others."

Please do not appoint Mr. Sutton!

Doing what's right isn't always easy, but it's always right.

Peter Schultz

Sincerely,

Education & Advocacy Coordinator